

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 6567
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Harumichi MORI <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 2884
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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE)	)	
AND RADIATION IMAGING	)	
SYSTEM	)	

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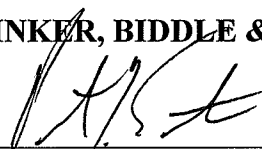
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No initialed copies have been received of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, filed on December 14, 2007, as shown by the attached copies of our PTO postcard receipts.

Please send an initialized copy evidencing consideration of all listed documents, preferably by facsimile, and if any citation is lined through, please be sure to explain why per MPEP 609.  
Thank you.

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- ☐ A. Amendment Transmittal
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- ☒ E. Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☒ PTO Form 1449, with four documents attached
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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but before the payment of the issue fee for the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p) is attached hereto.

Each of the Japanese documents (2002-252341 and 9-73144) listed on the attached PTO-1449 was first cited in a Chinese Office Action issued by the Chinese Patent Office on September 28, 2007 in a counterpart foreign application. Hence, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and recollection, each of these Japanese documents listed in the "Foreign Patent Documents" portion of the attached PTO-1449 of this IDS was first cited in any communication

from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. A copy of the Chinese Office Action dated September 28, 2007 is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Each of the remaining documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 was first cited in a European Office Action issued by the European Patent Office on October 31, 2007 in a counterpart foreign application. Hence, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and recollection, each of these remaining items of information listed on the attached PTO-1449 of this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. A copy of the European Search Report dated October 31, 2007 is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

As for relevance of the foreign language documents, English-language abstracts are attached hereto for the foreign language documents. In addition, the relevance of these foreign language documents can be understood from their citations in the above-discussed Chinese Office Action dated September 28, 2007 or the European Search Report dated October 31, 2007.

While the Chinese Office Action additionally cites to JP 62-086756 and U.S. Patent No. 6,384,396, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were cited in a U.S. Office Action dated March 29, 2007 in the instant application. While the European Search Report additionally cites to EP1049171, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on November 18, 2005.

Copies of the listed non-U.S. documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all of the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including

any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

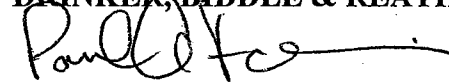
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